Dear Jim,

2/17/77

This is a brief account of a telephone call from J.B.Stoner a few minutes ago. I write it for all-around protection, for your information and so you can tell me if you believe that what I suggested to him is best.

We did chat fpr a while, including about this new committee.

He wanted me to get to ti his information that one he came to know was an FBI informer tried to get him to arrange to have King killed with a rifle shot the end of 1557 or early 1968. King them lived in Montgomery. The price offered was $25,000, Stoner and his gunman to go to the informer's home and be paid after he called those putting up the money.

The man had been the Alabama Klan Grand Dragon, William Hugh Morris. Other addresses Gardendale and Bucahana Ala. Stoner's infromation from a then Wallace seech write Ace Carter, through Police Commissioner of Chief Al Lingo (State). Stoner saw ~~the~~ the report which made identification almost automatic although the informer was not identified in what FBI sent Ala.

This story now seems less farout than it did when he first told me, without names, 1972.

I told him I could get the information to the committee through a trustworthy person but I strongly suggested waiting until it was past its immediate problems. I also fear that there would be no way of separating Stoner from the report.In turn this could mean they would try and haul him before the committee with an ensuing field day and more cheap, irrelevant headlines.

My suggestion was that after the current committee situation is straightened out we then be in touch and he rethink this.

Except for this purpose I am to keep the name confidential.

He asked when I thought the situation would be resolved. I said by March 31 and explained this and my attitude toward the committee.

I told him Jimmy still seems to be considering appearing before them. He says he can't understand why.

There was a time when the FBI was checking out Jimmy George Robinson on the King assassination and as an NSRPer. I know of Robinson from his Dallas activities, which include what was taken as anti-JFK schemes. Stoner says he knows him well and defended him successfully against a charge of assaulting an FBI agent, closer to Alabama. I forgot where.

Stoner says there was another effort to get him to kill King. I think he said this was in Atlanta, that time with a bomb and for $5,000.

Hedates the $25,000 offer at after the bus boycott when I asked him. He did not react to the name of Rosa Parks when I asked him if this was before or after her case. But he did relate it to the bus boycott which he said was 1968. He also said that it was known at the time that King planned to leave Montgomery, I think he said for Atlanta.

I am sure that if from no other source there are those still on the committee staff who know the "Mile "solution," Jimmy, Jerry and Stoner, if only through Ozer. I am concerned that this could play into their hands. Stoner says he was making a speech in Meridian, Miss., when the report that King had been shot was received. I am sure he is telling the truth. Once this gang found an excuse for calling Stoner as a witness they'd go crazy. And I don't see that the committee really is authorized to go into this.

Best,